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SUBJ: TRANS HURON

1. GOI NAUTICAL ADVISOR P.S. VANCHISWAR REQUESTED CONGENOFF TO CALL AT DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING MARCH 6 TO DISCUSS DISPOSAL OF HULK OF TRANS HURON. VANCHISWAR STATED THAT DIRECTORATE GENERAL IS CONCERNED THAT TRANS HURON HULK WILL DETERIORATE SUBSTANTIALLY IF IT IS NOT MOVED BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF MONSOON (WHICH BEGINS IN THAT AREA OF INDIA BY EARLY JUNE AT THE LATEST), AND SAID DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING FEELS STRONGLY THAT HULK SHOULD BE MOVED BEFORE THAT TIME.

2. DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING ACCORDINGLY PROPOSES FOLLOWING TWO ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION BY OWNERS/ OPERATORS OF TRANS HURON: (A) OWNERS/OPERATORS TAKE POSSESSION OF WRECK WITH ASSURANCE THAT SALVAGE AND OTHER CHARGES WOULD BE SETTLED AND PAID IN DUE COURSE; OR (B) RECEIVER OF WRECK DISPOSES OF WRECK BY PUBLIC AUCTION WITH PROCEEDS OF SALE TO BE HELD IN DEPOSIT BY RECEIVER OF WRECK FOR ADJUSTMENT AGAINST THE SALVAGE AND OTHER CHARGES DUE.

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3. VANCHISWAR STATED THAT HE WAS PRESENTING ALTERNATIVES TO US INFORMALLY SINCE THEY HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED THROUGHOUT GOI, BUT HE SAID FORMAL OR INFORMAL REACTION BY OWNERS/OPERATORS WOULD ENABLE GOI MOVE AHEAD WITH DISPOSITION OF HULK. HE INDICATED SOME SUPRISE THAT CASE HAS NOT BEEN SETTLED AND STATED THAT HE AND OTHERS IN DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING HOPE VERY MUCH THAT ATLEAST THIS PART OF THE CASE CAN BE MOVED FORWARD WITHOUT GREAT DELAY. DISPOSAL OF THE HULK CAN BE SETTLED INDEPENDENTLY OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE OIL, HE SAID, AND IT IS TO ADVANTAGE OF OWNERS/OPERATORS TO MOVE THE HULK BEFORE IT IS FURTHER DAMAGED BY FORTHCOMING MONSOON.
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